Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 29 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 30 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 29 Dec 2021 at 03:29

Confidence: High confidence for a mild southwesterly airstream over the coming days with gales at times and a lot of low cloud at times around the hill tops, also feeling very mild for the New Year period. Lower confidence in forecasting details of rainfall amounts and timing of outbreaks of rain.

Headline for Wednesday 29 Dec 2021: Southwesterly severe gales, cloudy with heavy rain for a time, turning milder and drier later.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 29 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
40%	80%	30%	20%	20%	50%

Forecast for Wednesday 29 Dec 2021

Weather: Rain spreading east across the area before dawn, it will be heavy for a time and quite persistent around daybreak. Also accompanied by widespread severe gales making for quite miserable walking conditions for a time. Rain will clear east around lunchtime and cloud will begin to clear with some brightness during the afternoon. Further rain likely later in the evening on Wednesday.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: 20% during the morning associated with the rain, improving to 70% by late afternoon as cloud clears after the rain. Lowering to 40% in the evening.

Visibility: Visibility quite poor around daybreak as rain spreads across the area. General visibility will improve during the afternoon becoming very good. Low cloud will be broken during the morning from 300m, perhaps 4-500m in the eastern hills, gradually lifting and breaking during the afternoon, some patches of cloud around 600-700m by mid-afternoon, mostly on south-western slopes, but otherwise becoming clear. Cloud, 400-500m spreading across the region again this evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	23/28 S	29/38 SW	35/48 W	30/41 W	25/34 SW	25/34 SW	27/37 SW
300	11/26 S	17/36 SW	21/44 W	15/33 W	13/29 SW	15/32 SW	16/33 SW
Valley	2/7 W	15/35 SW	20/43 W	14/32 W	11/26 SW	13/30 SW	14/32 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	7/2	10/6	10/4	8/3	8/4	9/5	10/5
300	8/5	11/8	12/8	10/7	10/7	11/8	11/8
Valley	8/7	12/9	12/9	11/8	11/8	11/9	12/9
Freezing Level*	2800m	2500m	2100m	1700m	2100m	2700m	2600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Noticeable wind chill during the morning in severe gales and rain, milder air will spread across the area during the afternoon with winds easing slightly but still feeling cool until winds ease significantly overnight. Some storm force gusts are likely around lunchtime.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
03:00 on Wed 29 Dec 2021	4.8mm	10.8mm	16.8mm

Forecast for Thursday 30 Dec 2021

Weather: Outbreaks of rain are expected to continue during the morning especially around southwestern hills. It will become drier and brighter for more northeasterly hills. Further outbreaks of rain will spread north during the evening. A lot of lower cloud expected in the milder airstream.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20-30mph with gusts 35-45mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: 40-50% a lot of the lower cloud will be confined to southwesterly areas with some clear tops around the north of the area. It will be hard to define the clearest time of day but perhaps the afternoon.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in early outbreaks of rain, becoming mainly good during the afternoon especially in the north. Cloud bases will be broken around 400m, perhaps more scattered around 500m in the north.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 13 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 9 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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